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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL  
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT AND A STATE MATCHING  
FUNDS GRANT FOR PHASE II OF THE PAVEMENT  
REHABILITATION OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRONS AT  
GENERAL WILLIAM J. FOX AIRFIELD, C.P. 88895,  
CITY OF LANCASTER  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to apply for a Federal Aviation Administration construction grant in the amount of \$1,800,000 to provide 90 percent of the funds for Phase II of the construction of the pavement rehabilitation project, C.P. 88895, and to apply for a State matching funds grant in the amount of \$90,000 to provide 5 percent of the matching funds for construction of this pavement rehabilitation project at General William J. Fox Airfield in the City of Lancaster.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute and process such documents and agreements as necessary for the acceptance of these Federal and State grants.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to apply for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) construction grant in the amount of \$1,800,000 to provide 90 percent of the funds for Phase II of construction improvements to rehabilitate aircraft parking aprons, and to apply for a State grant in the amount of \$90,000 to provide 5 percent of the matching funds for this project at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield in the City of Lancaster.

On April 18, 2000, your Board approved an FAA construction grant application for the pavement rehabilitation of aircraft parking aprons in the amount of \$1,057,000. On May 29, 2001, your Board approved an FAA construction grant application for resurfacing of the airport access road and repainting markings for the runway, taxiway, and apron/ramp pavement areas in the amount of \$150,000. We have received the FAA grants, and on February 11, 2003, your Board approved awarding a construction contract to Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., for the pavement rehabilitation, pavement restriping, and resurfacing of the airport access road.

We are now eligible to receive a second grant for Phase II of the construction and completion of the pavement rehabilitation project. This Phase II portion of the pavement rehabilitation project will consist of cold-milling, reconstructing, extensive earthwork excavation and fill, compaction, grading/drainage, and overlaying approximately 450,000 square feet of apron pavement with 2 inches of asphalt.

The increase in larger and heavier aircraft operations at Fox Airfield requires suitable aircraft parking aprons be constructed in order to withstand the heavier weight of the aircraft and upgrades to meet current FAA standards and improve overall safety on the airport.

The FAA has notified us that priority grant funding for construction of Phase II to complete this project is available during this Federal fiscal year. The State Department of Transportation's Aeronautics Division agrees that the project is eligible for a State matching grant. Formal applications are the next step for this project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as the FAA grant and State matching grant provide 95 percent reimbursable funds from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) to allow construction of this airport project, resulting in safer and more effective operating conditions. It also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence by providing a more user-friendly airport for tenants and customers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The anticipated FAA grant commitment of \$1,800,000 will be the main funding source for this project, which will provide 90 percent of the funds. The State grant commitment will provide 5 percent matching funds for the project. The remaining 5 percent in required match funds will be provided from the Aviation Capital Projects Fund. If the State is unable to fulfill its 5 percent matching commitment, the Aviation Capital Projects Fund has sufficient funds available to finance the 10 percent of the County's match requirement. There will be no net County cost associated with the project.

The project will only be initiated upon FAA's approval of grant funding. Upon receipt of grant funding and completion of the design phase and estimated budget for construction, we will return to your Board for approval of an appropriation adjustment to properly account for project funds.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Not applicable for these administrative procedures.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt, as specified in Class 1(x) (1) and (2) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable for these administrative procedures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

All users of the airport will benefit from the completion of this project, which will result in increased safety for the airport users and tenants.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return four (4) approved copies of the Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Aviation Division, for further processing.

It is further requested that conformed copies of this letter be distributed to:

- a. County Counsel
- b. Auditor-Controller
- c. Chief Administrative Office

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel